

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1159

The Hooper barn is located on the east side of highway four to the north of Prince Frederick. Access is private. It is opposite the junction of highway four and Bowie Shop Road, and is set up on top of a hill crest. This barn is oriented on an east-west axis. The barn measures forty-six by twenty feet and has a sixteen foot wide shed to the south, and a fourteen foot wide open-air shed to the east. The barn was built in several stages. The initial stage of the barn consisted of a thirty by twenty foot barn, and an original sixteen foot wide shed to the south. During the twentieth century, a sixteen foot wide addition was built on to the east gable end of the barn and the south shed, and, later, an equipment shed was built on to the east of this addition. The original barn has hewn timbers and fully mature machine cut nails, and dates to the early-mid nineteenth century.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hooper Barn

2. Location

street & number (Highway 4, 2) Solomons Island Road ___ not for publication

city, town Huntingtown ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Hooper c/o Mr. Frank Wood

street & number Bowie Shop Road telephone no.: n/a

city, town Prince Frederick state and zip code MD 20678

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-1159

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Attachment.

8. Significance

Survey No.

CT-1159

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates**Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Attachment.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-1159

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Prince Frederick, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting				Northing				

B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tora L. williamsen-Berryc/o Calvert County Historic District Commissionorganization Courthousedate June 30, 1990

street & number

telephone 535-1600city or town Prince Frederickstate MD

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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1159

The Hooper barn is located on the east side of highway four to the north of Prince Frederick. It is opposite the junction of highway four and Bowie Shop Road, and is set up on top of a hill crest. There is another, modern, barn to the west of it. This barn is oriented on an east-west axis. The barn measures forty-six by twenty feet and has a sixteen foot wide shed to the south, and a fourteen foot wide open-air shed to the east. The barn was built in several stages.

The initial stage of the barn consisted of a thirty by twenty foot barn, and an original sixteen foot wide shed to the south. This barn section is the westernmost thirty feet of the current structure. The thirty foot length is divided into five six foot wide bays. There are double doors centered on the north and one four foot wide door on the west, to the south of the mid-point. The frame of this structure is supported on fieldstones. The timbers are hewn, joined via mortise and tenon joints held with trunnels, and fully mature machine cut nails. The roof has rafters on four foot centers that rest on a flat false plate, and three collars that help lend support. The roof is now covered with metal, but there are shingle nailers visible underneath. There are peeled log poles separated by four feet width between that run down the central axis. The tier poles are peeled logs separated by three feet six inches vertical distance.

The sixteen foot wide shed on the south was apparently original to the barn. It has one set of double doors on its south facade, and is divided into six eight foot wide bays. The bay system was probably changed when the shed was expanded to the east. The posts are earth-fast peeled logs. There is no evidence of siding on the south wall of the barn. There are empty lap joints on the southeast corner post of the original barn where nailers extended across the shed to form the east wall of the shed. There is a sided and enclosed stripping room in the west corner of this south shed.

The barn was expanded sixteen feet to the east. The material used in this expansion is all circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. At the time the barn was expanded, so was the south shed. There is a four foot wide door on the east gable end wall of the expansion, and an eight foot wide double door on the south wall of the shed expansion.

There is a lean-to equipment shed to the west that is fourteen feet wide and was built at a later date. This shed is open-air and is roofed with metal. Its frame consists of earth-fast peeled logs.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1159

This barn is architecturally significant because it is a representative of early-mid nineteenth century barns built in Calvert county. Its original thirty by twenty foot measurements are somewhat unusual. The original shed on the south side is frequently seen in nineteenth century barns, as is the cross-axial plan. The expansion of the barn to the east is representative of the growth in demand for curing space during the twentieth century.

This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for re-use. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

Historical Period theme(s): 1830 Tobacco; Agriculture

Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD

Chronological/Developmental Period: 1830-Present

Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

This barn has changed over the years. A sixteen foot wide addition was built on to the east, at which time the south shed was expanded. This occurred sometime during the twentieth century. At an even later date, a lean-to equipment shed was built on to the east side of the barn. The barn is currently leased by a farmer. However, the land is for sale and the barn may soon be demolished.

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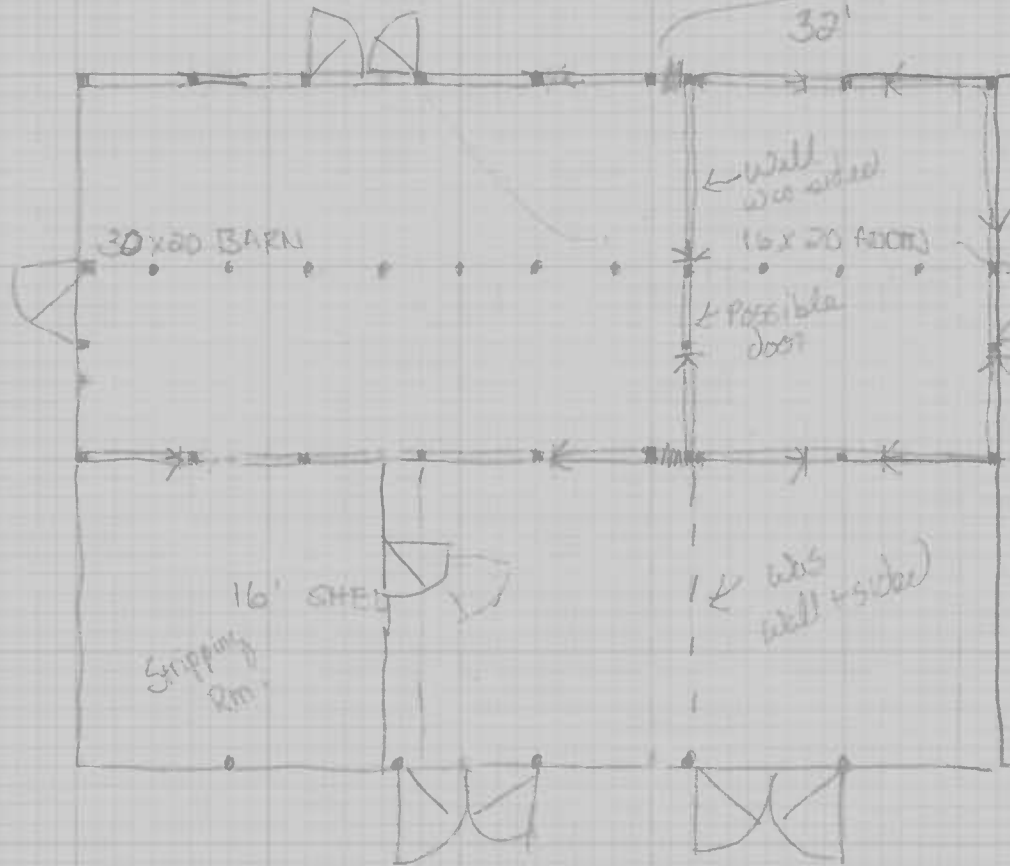
#2132 - Hooper Barn (Frank Wood, farmer) 6/6/90 - TW

Thirty by twenty foot barn with sixteen by twenty foot addition built to east. Original barn has hewn timbers, f.m.m.c. nails, three collars, three feet six inch vertical distance, fieldstone supports (was shingle, now metal roof), both barn and addtn. Peeled log poles down the central axis. Bay system six, six, eight, six, six. Sixteen foot wide shed on south - was original to barn, later expanded sixteen feet to west when addition was built. Lean-to equipment shed to west that is fourteen feet wide was built at an even later date.

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#2132 HOOPER BARN
(FRANK WOOD, FARMER)
6/6/90 TW

ROY W. WOOD, SR.



36' vert. dist
from
f m. m. c. m. l.
3' eaves
fieldstone supports
w/ shingle roof
cash beam +
collar.

Bay system
6, 6, 8, 6, 6

lean-to
equiv shell
built later



USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, PRINCE FREDERICK 7.5 " QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1974



CT-1189

HOOPER BARN

HUNTING TOWN

TORA O. WILLIAMS

SOUTHWEST

JUNE, 1990